

(v.) Horses, asses, and mules while on a vessel shall be protected against injury or unnecessary suffering from undue exposure to the weather.

(Ventilation.)

(vi.) All parts of the vessel in or on which horses, asses, or mules are carried shall be sufficiently and suitably ventilated. All such parts if below deck shall, in addition to any ventilation obtained by means of the hatchways, be provided with sufficient and suitable ventilators for the removal of foul air and for the admission of a proper supply of fresh air to all the vessels carried.

(Light.)

(vii.) All parts of the vessel over which the horses, asses, or mules pass, or in which they are carried, shall be properly lighted, and arrangements shall be made for the provision at all times of adequate light for the proper tending of the animals.

(Passage-ways.)

(viii.) Every part of the vessel where horses, asses, or mules are carried shall be provided with one or more passage-ways leading from the hatchway or entrance to such part of the vessel and giving frontal access to each box or stall containing a horse, ass, or mule. Each passage-way shall be of a minimum width of one foot six inches, and be kept free of obstruction.

(Food and Water.)

(ix.) Horses, asses, and mules carried on a vessel for a voyage which on an average takes more than six hours shall be provided while on board with a sufficient amount of suitable food and water, and proper accommodation shall be provided on board for the stowage of the food so that the same shall not be unduly exposed to the weather at sea.

(Securing of Horses, &c.)

(xi.) All horses, asses, or mules while being carried in a box or stall shall as far as practicable be securely tied by the head.

(Attendance.)

(xii.) A vessel on which horses, asses, or mules are carried shall carry a sufficient number of qualified attendants to tend the animals properly.

(Returns as to Casualties.)

(xiii.) The owner or charterer of a vessel on which horses, asses, or mules are carried shall keep a record of all such animals which have died or have been killed or seriously injured while on such vessel, and shall at the end of every month make a return to the Board showing whether any, and, if so, how many, animals have so died or been killed or injured on the vessel.

(Approaches, Gangways, and other Apparatus.)

(xv.) Approaches, gangways, passage-ways, cages, and other apparatus used for the loading or unloading or movement of horses, asses, or mules on or from a vessel shall be so constructed that injury or unnecessary suffering shall not be caused to the animals.

(Overcrowding.)

(xvi.) A vessel shall not be overcrowded in any part or pen so as to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the horses, asses, or mules thereon.

(Injured Horses, &c.)

(xvii.) If any horse, ass, or mule on a vessel has a limb broken or is otherwise seriously injured so as to be incapable of being disembarked without cruelty, the master of the vessel may, and shall if so required by the Diseases of Animals Act, 1910, forthwith cause that animal to be slaughtered. The person in charge of the animal shall forthwith report the injury to the master of the vessel.

(Approved Killing Instruments.)

(xviii.) Every vessel on which a horse, ass, or mule is carried shall carry a proper killing instrument, to be approved by the Board for that purpose, and it shall be the duty of the owner and master of every such vessel to see that the vessel is provided with such an instrument, and the master, if so required by an Inspector of the Board or of the Local Authority, shall produce the instrument for his inspection.

CHAPTER IV.—CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION.

Vessels.

12. (1.) A vessel used for carrying horses, asses, or mules by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, shall, after the landing of such animals therefrom at any port in Great

Britain, and before the taking on board of any other such animal or other cargo, be cleansed and disinfected as follows:—

(i.) All parts of the vessel with which any such animal or its droppings have come in contact shall be scraped and swept, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then have applied to them a coating of limewash, or be otherwise disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed; provided that the application of limewash shall not be compulsory as regards such parts of the vessel as are used for passengers or the crew.

(ii.) All fittings, pens, hurdles, or utensils used for or about the animals shall, if not permanently removed from the vessel, be scraped, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then have applied to them a coating of limewash, or be otherwise disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

(2.) The scrapings and sweepings of the vessel shall not be landed unless and until they have been well mixed with quicklime.

Fodder and Litter.

13. All partly consumed or broken fodder that has been supplied to, and all litter that has been used for or about, horses, asses, or mules carried by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, shall, if and when landed from the vessel, be forthwith well mixed with quicklime and be effectually removed from contact with horses, asses, or mules.

Movable Gangways and other Apparatus.

14. (1.) A movable gangway, passage-way, cage, or other apparatus used for the loading or unloading of horses, asses, or mules on or from a vessel, or otherwise used in connection with the transit of such animals by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, or used for the loading or unloading of such animals on or from a railway truck or other railway vehicle, or otherwise used in connection with the transit of such animals on a railway, shall as soon as practicable after being so used be cleansed as follows:—

The apparatus shall be scraped and swept, so as effectually to remove therefrom all dung, litter, and other matter, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water.

(2.) The scrapings and sweepings of the apparatus, and all dung, litter, and other matter removed therefrom shall forthwith be well mixed with quicklime, and be effectually removed from contact with horses, asses, or mules.

Disinfection prescribed in Specified Cases.

17. The prescribed manner of disinfection to be adopted in the case of any place or thing, or part of a place or thing, required to be disinfected under this Order is as follows:—
The place or thing, or the part thereof, required to be disinfected shall be thoroughly coated or washed with—

(a.) A one-per-cent. (minimum) solution of chloride of lime containing not less than thirty per cent. of available chlorine; or

(b.) A four-per-cent. (minimum) solution of carbolic acid (containing not less than ninety-five per cent. of actual carbolic acid), followed by a thorough sprinkling with lime-wash; or

(c.) A disinfectant equal in disinfective efficiency to the above-mentioned solution of carbolic acid, followed by a thorough sprinkling with limewash.

Offences.

23. (1.) If any horse, ass, or mule is landed in contravention of this Order, the owner thereof, and the owner and the lessee and the occupier of the place of landing where such animal is landed, and also the owner and the charterer and the master of the vessel from which the same is landed, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(2.) If any horse, ass, or mule is carried on a vessel which does not conform to the provisions of this Order as to vessels carrying horses, asses, or mules, or if any such provision, or any provision as to cleansing and disinfection of vessels or any apparatus used in connection with the transit of such animals by sea, is not complied with on a vessel on which horses, asses, or mules are carried, the owner and the charterer and the master of the vessel shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Interpretation.

24. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“The Board” means the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries;

“Port” includes place;

“Person” includes a body corporate;